

WI-525
John E. Bounds Farm
Salisbury vicinity
Private

c. 1898

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Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-525

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John E. Bounds Farm

other _____

2. Location

street and number Campground Road not for publication ☐

city, town Salisbury x vicinity ☒

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Patricia A. Ellison

street and number 5205 Sharps Point Road telephone _____

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map 47, P. 94

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1718 folio 610

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District

Contributing Resource in Local Historic District

Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register

Recorded by HABS/HAER

Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT

Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	agriculture		buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	commerce/trade	<u>4</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	defense		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		education		Total
		funerary	<u>4</u>	
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

Condition

excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	deteriorated
good	<input type="checkbox"/>	ruins
fair	<input type="checkbox"/>	altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The John E. Bounds farm is located on the east side of Campground Road southeast of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame farmhouse faces northwest with the principal gable oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Erected around 1898, the two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame farmhouse is supported on a brick pier foundation, and a layer of asbestos shingles covers the original plain weatherboards. The house is covered by a steeply pitched gable roof sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan service wing. Accompanying the house on the site are two small outbuildings and a small gambrel roofed barn.

The northwest (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The entrance contains a partially glazed door that has three horizontal panels below the lock rail. The adjacent windows are framed by plain surrounds. Sheltering the first story is a hip roofed porch that is supported by props. The slender Tuscan columns have been removed. The second story is defined by three two-over-two sash windows. Marking the gable roof is a pair of single-flue brick stove chimneys which flank the center staircase. The edge of the roof is finished with exposed rafter ends, and small spindle brackets support the lower corners of the roof.

The northeast and southwest gable ends are essentially alike with single two-over-two sash windows on the first and second stories. Small two-over-two sash windows light the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with an open soffit.

The southeast (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing. The kitchen wing is extended to each side by enclosed shed roofed additions. The kitchen wing is finished like the front block with a steeply pitched roof, exposed rafter ends, two-over-two sash windows. Rising through the south gable end is a single flue brick stack.

The southeast gable end of the kitchen wing is a blind wall with the edge of the roof finished with an extended eave.

The interior is in deteriorated condition. A narrow staircase is flanked by equal sized rooms entered through shallow profile four-panel doors. Wider French doors have been introduced between the southwest front room and the kitchen.

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A small gable roofed frame outbuilding stands off the northeast corner of the kitchen wing. The weatherboard frame structure has a gable end entrance and windows on each side. The building probably served as a smokehouse but was converted to another use during the mid twentieth century.

A second outbuilding stands off the southeast corner of the kitchen wing and is a gable roofed structure sheathed with vertical boards under the asbestos shingles. The original use for this building is undetermined.

Standing south of the kitchen is a small, deteriorated gambrel roofed barn with a side shed addition extending to the east. The vertical board siding has largely disappeared from the structure thereby exposing the light-weight framing of the early twentieth-century structure.

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	expioration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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life estate for his wife, Lizzie E. Bounds.² Reduced in size during the early twentieth century, Lizzie Bounds left 12 acres to her son Isaac through a deed executed in April 1926.³ The small farm remained in Bounds family hands until 1977.⁴

² Wicomico County Will Book, JWD 2/22, proved 7 February 1911.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 142/586, 15 April 1926.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 887/302, 15 November 1977.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed 14.88 acres

Quadrangle name Eden, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary established for property coincides with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 10/30/00

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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John E. Bounds Farm
Campground Road
Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 47, Parcel 94

1718/610

Florence E. Waller

to

Patricia A. Ellison
14.88 acres
Survey of Richard J. Bounds, AJS 4/87

AJS 945/25

Ruth E. Beauchamp
Dorothy D. LaChance

to

7/14/1980

Florence E. Waller
14.88 acres

AJS 923/692

A & W Homes, Inc.

to

7/13/1979

Ruth D. Beauchamp
Dorothy D. LaChance

AJS 915/408

Charles E. Webster
Juanita D. Webster

to

2/12/1979

A & W Homes

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Chain of title continued

JTT 22/106

Thomas W. H. White

Henrietta M. White

to

4/2/1898

John E. Bounds

\$397.50 ...being part of the Isaac Anderson Homestead

31 8/10 acres

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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983